

Bon Homme Mill
Hutterite Colony, Tabor, South Dakota

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Owners- The Hutterian Brethren, Inc., near Tabor.

Date of erection- 1875

Architect- Not known. Probably none in the neighborhood in 1875.

Builder- Stonemasons and carpenters from among the membership of the Hutterian Colony.

Present Condition- Somewhat neglected, due to uncertainty as to its fate. The one-room extension on the west side was put up after 1900, when steam power was installed to take the place of water power. Since drawings were made, this building has been destroyed by fire.

Number of Stories- Two and a-half in main section. One story wing on west side.

Materials of Construction- Main part of structure has walls of chalk stone. Floors of wood. Interior walls and roof construction of wood. Present roofing on main portion is rubberoid shingles. One-story wing has a tin roof, with standing seams.

Other Existing Records- With our drawings we are sending photostatic prints of some old drawings, made about 60 years ago at Moline, Illinois by a firm who furnished and installed machinery for the mill. These were lent by Mike Waldner, the present miller. The Hutterian Brethren ship the flour, especially rye flour, to many states, - even as far away as Georgia. It is one of the few mills in the country still making certain kinds of flour according to old methods. Mike Waldner was born in the Colony fifty-three years ago.

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